TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1102.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Thursday, the 28th April, 1927/15th Medam, 1102.

The Council met again at eleven-thirty of the clock M. E. Watts Esq., B. A. Barrister-at-law, Dewan, presiding. All except the following members were present: Mr. N. V. Joseph; Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose; Mr. T. J. Matthew and Mr. W. H. Pitt.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Removal of the Koran from Law Courts.

196. **MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the Mahomedans regarding the necessity for removing the Koran from the law courts and other public offices; and

(*b*) if so, what action they have taken on those representations?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government understand that those who have conscientious objection to swear by the Koran are not compelled to do so. In the last session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, the Government informed the members who made representations on the subject that they would consider the question of removing the Koran from the law courts if it was found that no Muslim called for the Koran in courts for the next three years and that, in the meantime, instructions would be issued to have the books carefully locked up in boxes so that nobody would have access to them.

Recruitment of Munsiffs from the High Court and the District Court Establishment.

197. **MR. PAUL DANIEL** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement, by castes, of Munsiffs recruited from the establishments of the High Court and of the District Courts from Kumbham 1092 to the beginning of Tulam 1102?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement * containing the required information is laid on the table.

Recruitment of Munsiffs from the Bar.

198. **MR. PAUL DANIEL** (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any Indian Christian of South Travancore has been drafted as a Munsiff from the Bar since Chingam 1085?

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[Mr. Paul Daniel.]

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any reason for not appointing any Indian Christian as Munsiff during the last 17 years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) In view of the answer to part (1), this does not arise.

Transfer of Women Teachers.

199. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Inspectress of Girls' Schools has transferred within the last three months women teachers who were working in or near their native places to distant places, and, if so, the names of such teachers and the reasons for such transfers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. A statement* containing the information required by the member for the months of Chingam, Kanni and Tulam 1102 is laid on the table.

Widening the Channel at Kollakadavu.

200. MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to investigate the question of the further removal of the natural granite obstructions at Kollakadavu in the Kulakkada river and widening the channel there, so as to prevent the too heavy and prolonged flooding of the paddy-fields and the consequent loss of crops?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

District Hospital, Shertallai.

201. MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the average number of in-patients per mensem in the District Hospital, Shertallai, and the average number of out-patients visiting the hospital every day?

(2) Are they aware—

(*a*) that this number was steadily on the increase for some time past;

(*b*) that there is not sufficient accommodation for treating the out-patients properly as in other hospitals; and

(*c*) that there is not sufficient accommodation for the growing number of in-patients in the hospital?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) (i) whether sanction has been given to put up a ceiling to the operation theatre in the Shertallai hospital;

(ii) if so, when the sanction was given;

(iii) whether the work has been executed; and

(iv) what the delay is due to;

(*b*) (i) the number of District Hospitals in the State without a compound wall; and

(ii) whether the Shertallai hospital has been provided with a compound wall?

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